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SERVICE DATE - AUGUST 14, 2000

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. AB-57 (Sub-No. 51)

SOO LINE RAILROAD COMPANY--ABANDONMENT--IN ROBERTS COUNTY, SD

Decided: August 11, 2000

On April 28, 2000, Soo Line Railroad Company, d/b/a Canadian Pacific Railway (Soo) filed an application under 49 U.S.C. 10903 seeking authority to abandon 19.4 miles of its Veblen Line extending from milepost 208.8, near Rosholt, to the end of the line at milepost 228.2, west of Claire City, in Roberts County, SD. Notice of the filing of the application was served and published in the Federal Register (65 FR 31631) on May 18, 2000.

On August 9, 2000, Soo filed a request to withdraw its application. It states that Sunflour Railroad, Inc., has acquired from Soo approximately 26.3 miles of rail line extending from milepost 210.0, near Rosholt, to the end of the track at milepost 236.3, in Veblen, in Marshall and Roberts Counties, SD.¹ Accordingly, the request will be granted, and the abandonment application will be dismissed.²

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. Soo's request to withdraw the abandonment application filed on April 28, 2000, is granted.
2. The abandonment application is dismissed and this proceeding is discontinued.

¹ See Sunflour Railroad, Inc.--Acquisition and Operation Exemption--Soo Line Railroad Company, STB Finance Docket No. 33903 (STB served July 25, 2000).

² Soo will retain the portion of the line between milepost 208.8 and milepost 210.0.

3. This decision is effective on the date of service.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary